

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **March 2, 2016** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in Conference Room 3-C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman – via telephone
Carol Goldberg, Esq. – via telephone
Lawrence Lefland, OD – via telephone
Milagros Limson – via telephone
Joseph Pavano, III, OD – via telephone
Lawrence M. Sweeney– via telephone
Regina A. Strand, OD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Ms. Goldberg was welcomed to here first meeting as a member of the Board.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the November 4, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Dr. Strand. Ms. Goldberg abstained from voting.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are no cases currently being investigated by the Department.

III. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Dr. Strand reported that she received an inquiry from an Optometrist asking if allergy testing is within the scope of practice in Connecticut. Dr. Strand was instructed to have the Optometrist send his inquiry to the Board Liaison.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m. on a motion made by Ms. Limson, seconded by. Dr. Pavano.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **May 25, 2016** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Carol Goldberg, Esq.
Lawrence Lefland, OD
Milagros Limson
Joseph Pavano, III, OD
Lawrence M. Sweeney
Regina A. Strand, OD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Ms. Goldberg was welcomed to here first meeting as a member of the Board.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the March 2, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Ms. Goldberg.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are no cases currently being investigated by the Department.

III. Office of Legal Compliance

Lance Alpert, OD – Petition No. 2016-267

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a Modification of Consent Order in this matter. Dr. Alpert was present with Attorney Michael Margolis.

Dr. Pavano made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lefland, to adopt the Consent Order modification. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Blondin signed the Order.

Following discussion on the process for modification of a Consent Order, Ms. Goldberg made a recommendation that the Department of Public Health add language to Consent Orders that would allow for future modifications.

IV. New Business

Request for Declaratory Statement regarding Optical Shop Permits

The Board reviewed a request from Raymond Szczepanski, OD asking for a declaratory statement as to whether optometric practices are required to have an optical shop permit.

The Board has become aware of a situation in which a complaint was filed against of optician working in a practice owned by an optometrist. The optician was cited for not having an optical shop permit. The complaint was investigated and resolved after a Department of Public Health review of the present optometry and optician statues. Based on this matter having been resolved by the Department, Dr. Lefland made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strand, to deny the request for a declaratory statement. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. on a motion by Dr. Pavano.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **September 28, 2016** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Carol Goldberg, Esq.
Joseph Pavano, III, OD
Lawrence M. Sweeney
Regina A. Strand, OD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lawrence Lefland, OD
Milagros Limson

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the May 25, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Strand, seconded by Mr. Sweeney.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are no cases currently being investigated by the Department.

III. Additional Agenda Items

The Department of Public Health received an inquiry from the American Optometric Association regarding the use a proposed medical device – Nasal Lacrimal Stimulation Device.

A copy of the Optometrists practice act will be sent to the American Optometric Association.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m. on a motion by Dr. Strand, seconded by Dr. Pavano.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **November 30, 2016** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman - *via telephone*
Carol Goldberg, Esq. - *via telephone*
Lawrence Lefland, OD - *via telephone*
Joseph Pavano, III, OD - *via telephone*
Lawrence M. Sweeney - *via telephone*
Regina A. Strand, OD - *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the September 28, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Goldberg, seconded by Dr. Lefland.

II. New Business

Meeting Dates for 2017

Following are the meeting dates scheduled for 2017.

March 29, 2017

June 28, 2017

September 27, 2017

November 29, 2017

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

III. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. on a motion by Dr. Strand, seconded by Dr. Lefland.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists